

The Watchman and Southron.

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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The enthusiastic mass meetings that are being held in all parts of the country for the purpose of expressing sympathy with the Cubans who are fighting for independence shows that the people of the country decidedly disagree with Mr. Cleveland and his advisers in thinking that it is the best policy to give the Spanish more time in which to complete the butchery of the non-combatants and wounded prisoners that fall into their hands. The cold blooded and heartless policy pursued by the Government has had the effect of arousing the great mass of American citizens to a pitch of indignation that nothing short of the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents or the intervention of the United States will appease. The mass meetings are probably caused in part by temporary excitement, but behind it all there is a great deal of earnestness and determination that will force a recognition of the rights of the Cubans from the administration and Congress. The people are in close touch with Congress and what they resolutely and unitedly demand Congress will not dare deny, for the members of that body know that their tenure of office and political future depends upon the good will of their constituents. They know that the people elect them as representatives and not rulers, and will not submit quietly to an assumption of rulership by representatives.

The bluffing of Spain may frighten the office holders, who imagine that they are the government and that the remainder of the country amounts to comparatively little, but the people, the seventy million or so of common everyday folks who pay the taxes and are occasionally granted the privilege of voting for the officeholders, are not so easily frightened. They are not so easily frightened, and just at present seem in the humor to call Spain's bluff, and then ask what she is going to do about it.

The Watchman and Southron extends to its friends the compliments of the season. May the Christmas tide be a period of pleasure, happiness and peace in every household into which the paper goes; may every reader, be he in sunny Florida, a citizen of far off California, in the great State of Texas, amid the blue grass hills of Kentucky, or in our native Carolina, find this Christmas more pleasant than any that has preceded it. And may the coming year be more prosperous and freer from the cares and sorrows of life than the years that are numbered with the great and irremediable past.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Talk of war and voting for what would bring actual war are two very different things. The leading Republicans furnished their share of the war talk which preceded the election in the halls of Congress, but now that the election is over and a Republican president is on the eve of being inaugurated, some of these Republicans have changed their tone. This has been especially noticeable since the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations took the bull by the horns and reported a short resolution declaring the independence of Cuba, and that the U. S. would use its good offices to bring about peace between the Spaniards and Cuba, notwithstanding a protest from Secretary Olney, who appeared before the Committee and argued for a continuance of the policy of non-action. The Republicans have not made any party announcement on this resolution and probably will not until the public discussions during the Congressional holiday recess shall have shown unmistakably whether it would be wise for them to make the defeat of the resolution a party question. McKinley doesn't want the resolution adopted, and his closest friends in Congress are scheming to get up a plan under which it may be hung up without a vote. Speaker Reed declines to publicly commit himself, but he is believed to be against it. That the resolution, if put into force, would result in war with Spain is believed by all, but it is a long ways from being in force, and your correspondent would not like to put up a cent on its ever being put in force. In the first place, it would have to get a two-thirds vote in both branches of Congress in order to be adopted over President Cleveland's veto, which it would certainly meet

upon its first adoption. McKinley's wishes may not affect the Senate, but they will have much weight in the House. The fate of the resolution depends largely upon the state of public opinion when Congress reassembles, and that may be affected one way or the other by news from Cuba during the next two weeks.

The remarkable position assumed toward the Cuban resolution by Secretary Olney is causing much talk among the Constitutional lawyers in and out of Congress. He says that the President alone is vested by the Constitution with authority to recognize a new state and that Mr. Cleveland will not obey the resolution even if it should receive the unanimous vote of both branches of Congress, but will regard it simply as an expression of Congressional opinion. Most of those who will talk express the opinion that Mr. Olney is wrong.

The Tennessee delegation in the House are under obligations to Speaker Reed for counting a quorum to pass the bill appropriating \$130,000 for a Government building and exhibit at the Nashville Centennial, which was fought by Representative Bailey, of Texas.

A goodly number of Senators and Representatives didn't wait for the adjournment on the 22nd for the Christmas recess. Congress will reassemble Jan. 5.

In addition to Senator Allen's resolution for a general investigation by a Senate Committee of the expenditure of the money in the Presidential campaign, Representative Meredith, of Va., has offered a resolution providing for an investigation of the report alleging that National Banks contributed large sums to the republican campaign fund. A preamble says that National banks being under Government control, it is clearly within the province of Congress to protect their stock holders from misuse of their funds. The resolution provides for a committee of eleven, including representatives of the republican, democratic, silver republican, populist and National democratic parties, which shall have power to send for persons and papers in its investigation, and which is directed to report if it be found that such contributions were made whether the same were lawful, and if not, what penalties are provided by law. The resolution further directs that all Government bank examiners shall assist the Committee by investigating under its instructions, the banks in their districts.

Senator Vest declares the report ridiculous that he had the nomination of Secretary Francis held him up to help him get reelected to the Senate, and calls attention to the fact that there is neither a Palmer, nor a McKinley democrat in the Missouri legislature. As to why this and other good democratic nominations have been held up, Mr. Vest said: "The nomination of Francis was postponed for consideration until after the recess as were the nominations of all the Palmer or McKinley democrats." There was a look in the eyes of the Senator when he spoke which bodes no good for these held up nominations.

Charlie Crisp, son of the late ex-Speaker of the House, was sworn in as a member on Saturday. He is the youngest member of the House.

The Coffee Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The competition between the American Sugar Refining Company (generally known as the Sugar Trust) and the firm of Arbuckle Brothers, coffee merchants, is on in earnest. Another reduction of 1-2 cent a pound in the wholesale price of roasted coffee was made today (the second reduction thus far), and there is a margin yet of 4 or 5 cents, it is said, before rock bottom prices can be reached—that is, prices at which only a bare margin of profit, if any at all, can be made by the roasters.

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 21.—At Thermopolis, Fremont County, B. F. Hanson, Deputy Sheriff, owner of the town site, and a wealthy man, gave a dance last night, to which Thomas Bird, a wealthy cattle man and rival magnate, came uninvited. He was promptly shot and killed by Hanson, who is now in custody.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Westbound passenger train, No. 2, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, was held up by three masked men and three money packages from the express car were stolen at midnight last night, near Comstock, 208 miles west of San Antonio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Tennessee centennial bill, which carries an appropriation of \$130,000 for a government building and exhibit at the Nashville exposition, which will open in May next, was signed by Vice President Stevenson and Speaker Reed today and at 4 o'clock sent to the White House. Messrs. McMillin and Washington, as well as other members of the Tennessee delegation, all of whom have labored unceasingly to secure a favorable action on the measure, will see President Cleveland in the morning and urge his immediate approval of the bill.

Two negroes, Elliott Way and Henry Grant, while digging a grave on Monday at Emancipation Church, a few miles from St. Matthews, became involved in a quarrel, in which Grant was shot by Way, the ball entering the right side and coming out at the back just under the shoulder blade. Dr. A. R. Able, who attended the wounded man, thinks the wound not serious.

Time to Load Guns.

Grand Demonstration for Cuba in New York.

THOUSANDS IN LINE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Two great demonstrations in favor of struggling Cuba took place in this city to-night. One was a street parade of the organization called The Friends of Cuba. The other was a mass meeting at Cooper Union called by the Cuban League of the United States. Several thousand men took part in the street parade and many thousands more lined the sidewalks and cheered enthusiastically along the line of march. The procession formed on east Eighty-sixth and Eighty-seventh streets and marched by way of Third and Lexington avenues and Broadway to Cooper Union. Franz Mayer, president of the organization, was grand marshal. The column was divided into 10 battalions. An American flag was carried at the head of each battalion with two Cuban soldiers as escorts. A large number of transparencies were carried illustrating Spanish massacres. One showing the killing of Maceo bore the title "Spain's last triumph in murdering the flag of truce." Other inscriptions were "Let congress act; the people will uphold congress," "Americans for liberty and facts," "Remember Washington and Lafayette," "Uphold the Monroe doctrine," "Another star to the constellation of republics," "For God's sake stop the murder in Cuba," "We die, but no surrender," "Viva Cuba Libre," "Join the American Friends of Cuba—our object is to assist the down-trodden and to prohibit Spain from committing further assassinations."

Cooper Union was packed to the doors when the meeting of the Cuban league was called to order by its president, Ethan Allan, a lineal descendant of the general of the same name, of revolutionary fame.

President Allen was greeted with cheers when he rose to speak. He said in part:

"This immense and enthusiastic audience is proof that the heart of our citizens still throbs in harmony for any people struggling to be free. Farther than this, it is proof that the American people do not breathe the air of cowards, although some of the government may. We are assembled to-night to uphold in other lands the cause for which Washington and his compatriots contended in this. If we are not willing to make some sacrifices to extend the heritage of liberty bequeathed to us from the storms of battle, we are unworthy to hold and enjoy it ourselves."

"We assemble here to-night as Americans to declare that the independence of Cuba shall be recognized now. To delay is to make ourselves responsible for the further ruin and slaughter which will follow. Cuba has resolved upon freedom or extermination, and applauding her heroic energy, it is our duty to stay the assassin's hand. With Spain, we have tried argument long enough. She is not amenable to reason, so we must resort to some other forces. The time has come to stop our talking and to load our guns. We are animated with the hope that a brighter day is to dawn upon these struggling heroes of the Antilles."

"The Cuban league which is here inaugurated, will labor on till, from the Mount Sinai of our own invincible republicanism, we thunder our command, so that Spain shall hear, and bearing 'obey, let those Cubans go.'"

A long preamble and resolutions breathing the spirit of President Allen's speech were adopted. The concluding resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Cuban league of the United States, organized to diffuse the sentiments and to secure to Cuba by all legal means, the inalienable rights of self government, will labor on until its mission is accomplished. And for furtherance of its object we ask that a copy of these resolutions as expressive of the sense of this meeting, be forwarded to the representatives of the people in congress and in other branches of the government."

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson criticised the attitude of President Cleveland. At the conclusion of Gen. Johnson's speech the secretary, De Zayas, read letters from Senators Henry Cabot Lodge, John Morgan, Wilkinson Call, R. Q. Mills, S. M. Cullom, Thomas Dixon, Jr., and Governor Morton. All regretted their inability to be present and speak for Cuba's cause.

In most part the letters condemned the butchery being conducted by the Spanish soldiers under Weyler. Secretary De Zayas read a number of letters from prominent people giving financial aid to the cause. Among them was one from W. E. D. Stokes, donating \$1,000. When this was announced, the crowd called loudly for Stokes. Finally, Mr. Stokes responded: "I am convinced that our representative in Washington, Mr. Olney, is doing what every citizen knows to be wrong. Here is a nation knocking at our door and asking for liberty and freedom. Shall we help them? I say we are not true Americans unless we do. It is a great and grand cause that these Cuban patriots are fighting for and they deserve the help of the greatest of all civilized nations, the United States."

Dr. Verona spoke in Spanish, and Dr. Zayas and Louis S. Vincent and others followed with addresses.

Delegate T. Estrada Palma, the Cuban representative to this country, was wildly cheered as he stepped to the

platform. Mr. Palma said that he was sorry that a severe cold prevented his speaking.

George Francis Train spoke a few words and the meeting adjourned.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Ex-Queen Lilioukalani of Hawaii passed through El Paso today on the Sunset limited, en route to Washington. She is accompanied by her maid, a very dignified and stately matron. The ex-Queen refused to be interviewed, but appeared to enjoy being the center of attraction of the crowd of curious people who assembled at the Southern Pacific to see how she looked.

Anti-Trust Law.

ATLANTA, Dec. 15.—The lower house of the Georgia legislature today passed the Calvin anti-trust bill, which prohibits any combination or arrangement by which full competition in the manufacture or sale of any commodity is prevented. The bill is aimed at the rebate contracts made by the large manufacturers, which afford larger commissions to dealers handling their goods exclusively than to those dealers who handle the goods of competitors. It provides that any corporation violating the terms of the law shall forfeit its right to do business in Georgia and the penalty for violating the statute is imprisonment in the penitentiary. While the bill is directed mainly against the oil, sugar, tobacco, iron, snuff and similar trusts, its provisions are far-reaching and the passage of the bill has attracted much attention. It will go to the senate tomorrow, where it comes to a final vote on next Friday or Saturday.

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COTTON MARKET.

New York, December 22.—Market opened steady. Closed steady.

	Opening.	Closing.
Dec.	6.70	6.70
Jan.	6.75	6.80
Feb.	6.83	6.88
Mar.	6.91	6.97
Apr.	6.93	7.05
May.	7.05	7.12
Jun.	7.10	7.17

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Market opened steady. Closed steady.

	Opening.	Closing.
Dec. and Jan.	3.56	3.56
Jan. and Feb.	3.54	3.56
Feb. and Mar.	3.54	3.56
Mar. and Apr.	3.51	3.57
Apr. and May.	3.15	3.58
May and Jun.	3.55	3.59

Sumter spot market—6.35.

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